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1. [REDACTED] President Peron is personally strongly opposed to Franco and his regime in Spain. Peron's public support of Franco is interpreted as a stand of political expediency, taken to assure himself of the support of the Church, a large part of the Army, and the nationalist groups in Argentina. His support may also be explained as a gesture to emphasize Argentine sovereignty by opposing the policies of the United States and the United Nations.
2. [REDACTED] on several occasions, Peron has made totally contradictory statements on this subject.
3. On various occasions, Peron, as well as Argentine Foreign Minister Juan Atilio Bramuglia and Minister of the Interior Angel Borlenghi, has made strong statements against Franco. Such statements were made recently to the Mexican Ambassador in Argentina, to Dr. Alvarez Castillo, and to the Peronista Deputy, Dr. Angel S. Mariategui.
4. It is reported that up until the time he assumed office, Bramuglia did not hide his Republican sentiments. He contributed financially, as did Borlenghi, to the Spanish Republican cause.

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